

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 35 of the specification, please replace the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE with the amended following paragraph.

An image verification apparatus includes a verification unit and a control unit. The verification unit verifies whether a digital image included in an image file has been altered. The control unit changes a display form of additional information included in the image file, if the verification unit verifies that the digital image has been altered. The control unit avoids displaying notifies a user that the digital image has been altered, by avoiding the additional information from being displayed, if the verification unit verifies that the digital image has been altered. The additional information includes a thumbnail image of the digital image.